

# Neurodiversity - Primary



These colourful and creative titles celebrate the voices of neurodiverse children. From the joyful to the deeply moving, these books foster empathy and represent neurodiverse children's worlds and experiences.



## **Thunder Boots**, Naomi Jones illu. Rebecca Ashdown

9780192779021, OUP Oxford

Trixie is the smallest person in Primrose Tower, but also the loudest and the building's residents have given her an affectionate nickname: THUNDERBOOTS. When it's time for Trixie to start school, she is very excited. Sometimes it's hard to concentrate in class, though. And it's really hard to read letters. Maybe what Trixie needs is a superpowered plan. An empowering story about starting school with dyslexia that celebrates everyone's differences.



## **Cloud Boy**, Greg Stobbs

9781382054904, OUP Oxford

When Bobby gets distracted, he starts to float. Everyone tries to help him, but there are so many sights and sounds and smells which draw his attention away from everyday things. In this uplifting story, Bobby's friends and family might just learn that the best way to understand Bobby is to think a bit like him. A positive fable that celebrates the value of neurodivergence.

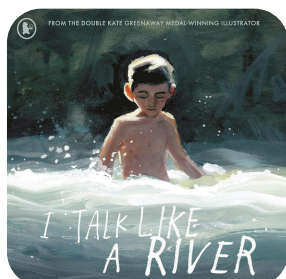


## **Leo and the Octopus**, Isabelle Marinov illu. Chris Nixon

9781787416550, Templar Books

*The world was too bright for Leo. And too loud. "I must be living on the wrong planet," Leo thought.*

Leo struggles to make sense of the world. He doesn't understand the other children in his class, and they don't seem to understand him. But then one day, Leo meets Maya. Maya is an octopus, and the more Leo learns about her, the more he thinks that perhaps he isn't alone in this world, after all..



## **I Talk Like a River**, Jordan Scott illu. Sydney Smith

9781529502817, Walker Books

After a day of being unable to speak when asked, and of being stared at, a boy and his father go to the river for some quiet time. "It's just a bad speech day," says Dad. But the boy can't stop thinking about all the eyes watching his lips twisting and twirling. When his father points to the river bubbling, churning, whirling and crashing, the boy finds a way to think about how he speaks. Even the river stutters. Like him. "I talk like a river," he says.

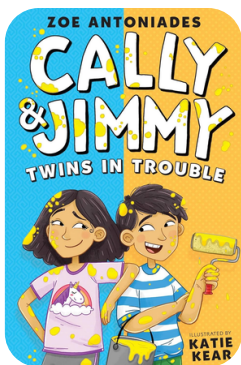
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## **Dinosaur Pie**, Jen Wallace

9781915071491, Little Island Books

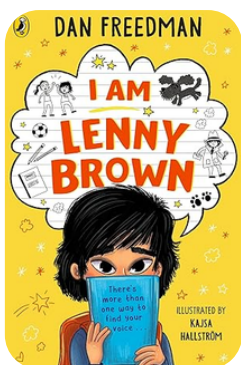
It wasn't really Rory's mum's fault. She just bought Dinosaur Pie for a change and gave it to Rory for his dinner. The next morning he was a dinosaur. Not dressed up as a dinosaur - actually a dinosaur. It's not all that funny really. Rory can't talk and he can't bear the thought of eating an apple. All he wants to eat is sausages. It doesn't wear off. The supermarket that sold the pie doesn't want to know and the doctor isn't all that helpful. What are they going to do to get Rory to turn back into a human boy?



## **Cally and Jimmy: Twins in Trouble**, Zoe Antoniadis illu. Katie Fear

9781839130083, Andersen Press

Cally and Jimmy are twins but they couldn't be more different. Cally is top of the class, whilst Jimmy can't sit still and is always getting into trouble. Join Cally and Jimmy in four hilarious stories, perfect for newly confident readers. They get into scrapes together, bake some poisonous cakes, almost ruin their school assembly and finally have a twintastic birthday party.



## **I am Lenny Brown**, Dan Freedman illu. Kasja Hallstrom

9780241610541, Puffin

Lenny Brown is eight years old and can't talk. Except to his mum and his dog, Rocky. When Lenny has to move house and start at a new school, it feels like his whole life is changing, and not for the better. Will he be able to make friends and find a way to fit in? When Lenny finds a different way to express himself, everyone is in for a big surprise as they find out just how amazing he can be . . .

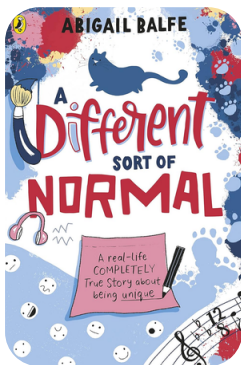


## **Like a Charm**, Elle McNicoll

9781913311278, Knights of Media

Edinburgh is a city filled with magical creatures. No one can see them... except Ramya Knox. As she is pulled into her family's world of secrets and spells, Ramya sets out to discover the truth about the Hidden Folk with only three words of warning from her grandfather: Beware the Sirens. This feisty dyspraxic heroine has you rooting for her from the very first page.

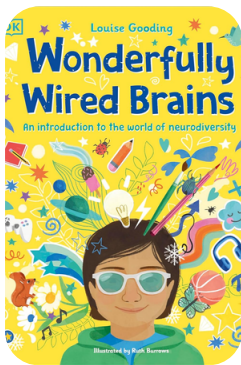
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## **A Different Sort of Normal**, Abigail Balfe

9780241508794, Puffin

Discover the award-winning true story of one girl's journey growing up autistic and undiagnosed – a must-read book about autism, neurodiversity and embracing who you are – for kids and adults alike. If you've ever felt different, out of place, like you don't fit in – this book is for you.



## **Wonderfully Wired Brains**, Louise Gooding illu. Ruth Burrows

9780241568163, DK

An informative and inclusive children's guide to neurodiversity for those not in the know and to inspire children who are neurodivergent. This inspirational book, written by neurodiverse author Louise Gooding, challenges misconceptions and shows how neurodivergent brains work a little differently.



## **A Kind of Spark**, Elle McNicoll

9781913311056, Knights of Media

A Kind of Spark tells the story of 11-year-old Addie as she campaigns for a memorial of the witch trials that took place in her Scottish hometown. Addie knows there's more to the story of these 'witches', just like there is more to hers. Can Addie challenge how the people in her town see her, and her autism, and make her voice heard?



## **Checkmates**, Stewart Foster

9781471172236, Simon and Schuster Children's UK

Felix is struggling at school. His ADHD makes it hard for him to concentrate and his grades are slipping. Everyone keeps telling him to try harder, but no one seems to understand just how hard he finds it. When Mum suggests Felix spends time with his grandfather, Felix can't think of anything worse. Grandad hasn't been the same since Grandma died. Plus he's always trying to teach Felix boring chess. But sometimes the best lessons come in the most unexpected of places, and Grandad soon shows Felix that there's everything to play for.